

# Focus on Fifth

## Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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### Important Dates

March 19	Science Fair
March 20	Tasty Dog Challenge - 15% of your purchase will go to Holmes!
March 21	International Baccalaureate presentation at Brooks
March 22	Student-Staff Basketball Game (Guilder Activity)
Mar 25 - Mar 29	Spring Break

### Dear Families,

If you have not already done so, please send in a permission slip and \$10 with your child to participate in the Rockin Lock In. Let us know your preferred shift preference by clicking [here](#).

### The Lemonade Wars for the week of 3/18 (Chapters 7-12)

We have learned so many business ideas in reading "The Lemonade War!" We have learned about partnership, value-added, goodwill, underselling, location, franchise, negotiation, and malicious mischief. Which ideas did you like and which ideas did you not like? Did you think any of the ideas Evan and Jessie used were clever? Did you think any were unfair? If you started your own business, what business would it be? Which business ideas would you use? Let's all read on to find out who wins the Lemonade War in the end! Hopefully your family enjoyed reading The Lemonade War together because we certainly had a lot of fun discussing it at school for the past several weeks. We can't wait for the exciting all-school assembly on March 21, which will mark the end of our adventures with Evan and Jessie Treski.

### Spring Food and Fund Drive

Holmes School Student Council will be sponsoring a food and fund drive to support the Oak Park and River Forest Food Pantry. Students can bring in food and monetary donation through Tuesday, April 23rd. We hope everyone participates!

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### SPECIAL AREA SUBJECTS

**Art** - 5th graders are sculpting the United States president they researched in Social Studies class. We will be working in clay and studying proportions found in presidential portraits. Our presidents will be three-dimensional and feature details from head to toe. Stay tuned into [www.http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com](http://owholmesartgallery.blogspot.com) for pictures of works in progress.

**Music** - [Check out the website!](#) We are continuing our big Theme and Variations project this week. Students will learn to play the theme of the assignment on the recorder and then create their own variations by changing different musical aspects of the piece. Each student will have their own packet for this assignment. They will work on making one variation by themselves. I will make suggestions on this variation by Wednesday and then allow them to work with me on Friday at 11:30 to improve their

assignment. They may also take the assignment home to make corrections and bring it back by Friday. More details about the whole assignment will be available on the music website this week. **Chorus** - The Wolves game is Sunday March 17th! Details will be sent home this week about where we are meeting and at what time. If you can give a ride, please email [akaria@op97.org](mailto:akaria@op97.org). We will be singing "Don't Stop Believing" at the game.

Click here for the karaoke track:

[Don't Stop Believing Audio](#)

And here for the lyrics"

[Don't Stop Lyrics](#)

**Spanish** - Students will continue to work with the new story about a bombero, Juan. Students can read the story for 10 puntos on the website at : <http://www.mpoleski.blogspot.com/>

**Library** - Congratulations to all the Reading Olympians. You all did a marvelous job! "Triple the Trouble" will be going to the district competition this Tuesday. Make sure to wish the team good luck in representing Holmes. There is still one more chance to participate in Reading Olympics this year, and that is with the EXTREME competition! This competition will take place on Wednesday, April 18th at Holmes and will feature all 18 books. In order to compete, you must have been in either the spring or the fall competition (or both).

In other library news, we're continuing to read RJ Palacio's *Wonder* during library time. Take a look at the Wonder website for information about this amazing novel, <http://choosekind.tumblr.com/> Choose kind! For more on library happenings, please keep up with us on the library home page (<http://www.op97.org/holmes/mediacenter/>).

**Physical Education** - Please see Mr. Williams' link ([www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com](http://www.d97mrwilliams.blogspot.com)) for information.

### **Reading/Literature**

There are many activities going on this week which will impact the reading schedule. In the times that we do meet, we will be focusing on finishing Johnny Tremain.

### **Language Arts**

Right now, our focus in writing has been writing from the point of view of a different person. Students are working on revising and editing diary entries they wrote from the point of view of someone who participated in the Boston Tea Party.

### **Math**

This week is STEM week and due to various STEM presentations, it will be a short week for math. We will have a unit test on Thursday covering volume, capacity and surface area. We will review in class on Wednesday..

### **Science**

Last week, students were given time to type text to be included on their science fair posters. These posters must be assembled at home. This week, students will write a presentation to accompany their posters and will practice the oral presentation. Posters are due Monday, March 18 and the fair will be held Tuesday, March 19. Please make plans to join us in the multipurpose room that evening.

### **Social Studies**

Due to STEM week presentations, the science fair judging, and the student-staff basketball game, we will only have one day of Social Studies this week. On that day, we will focus on the Midnight Ride of Paul Revere.

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